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Office Action Summary	Application N .	Applicant(s)
	10/088,524	SAKAUE ET AL.
	Examiner Louise N. Leary	Art Unit 1654

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,6 and 8-9 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 2-5,7 and 10-12 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 April 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
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1. Claims 1-12 are pending in this application.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1,6,8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Yonehara et al (JP 9-324732, Nov. 26, 1997).

Yonehara et al disclose a method for measuring the amount of glycosylated proteins comprising the steps of decomposing glycosylated proteins in a sample with protease, causing a redox reaction between the decomposed products and an Amadori compound oxidoreductase, and determining the redox reaction so as to measure the amount of glycosylated proteins. Yonehara et al also disclose that the amount of hydrogen peroxide produced by the redox reaction or amount of oxygen consumed by the redox reaction is measured, and thereby the amount of glycosylated proteins can be determined. In addition, Yonehara et al disclose the method for measuring the amount of hydrogen peroxide or the amount of oxygen is not particularly limited, and any

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conventionally known method may be employed. With respect to the components in the kit described in instant claim 9, Yonehara et al disclose using a protease, oxidase and reagent for assaying hydrogen peroxide in the methods. See the entire document. Thus, Yonehara et al disclose the invention claimed except for using the word "kit".

However, regarding the kit as described in the instant claims, Yonehara et al disclose each component in the kit claimed for performing the same function set forth in the present invention. Therefore, Yonehara et al disclose all the limitations of the instant claims except for using the word "kit" but describes each component and the properties or functions claimed in the present invention which anticipates or renders obvious the claimed invention.

The burden of proof is on applicants to show patentably distinct differences between the Yonehara et al methods and reactants and the present invention as claimed.

3. Claims 2-5, 7 and 10-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. The Yonehara et al reference (US 5,985,591) has been cited to further show the state of this art.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Louise N. Leary whose telephone number is (703) 308-3533. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback, can be reached on (703) 306-3220. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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LOUISE N. LEARY
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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